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PATENT

Docket No. GC538-2

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of )  
Boston et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1652  
Serial No.: 09/470,168 ) Examiner: Slobodyansky, E.  
Filed: December 22, 1999 )  
For: Method for Producing Ascorbic )  
Acid Intermediates )

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### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Assistant Director for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Notice to Comply mailed July 12, 2000, please consider and enter the following comments and amendments.

### IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please place the Sequence Listing after the abstract.

On page 19, line 19, after

"5'AGGGAGTGCTTACTACCTTATCTGCGGTATA3"" insert —(SEQ ID NO:1)—.

On page 19, line 20, after

"5'CGCTAGCTGTGCAATCCATTGATTTGCACA3"" insert —(SEQ ID NO:2)—.

### REMARKS

Entry of the above amendment prior to examination is respectfully requested.

The specification has been amended in accordance with C.F.R. §1.821(d) to add SEQ ID NO:s.